

House Resolution 1325

By: Representatives Everson of the 106th and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Rome Judicial Circuit and inviting them to be recognized
2 by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit was named the 2008 Child Fatality Investigation
4 Team of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
6 for the vital role it plays in leadership and the deep personal commitment of its staff to the
7 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, they have diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of time,
9 talent, and exemplary collaboration for the betterment of their community and state as
10 evidenced dramatically by their gold standard in homicide investigations involving cold and
11 new cases; and

12 WHEREAS, this dedicated team collaborated with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to
13 develop and promulgate protocol to be utilized in head trauma cases involving children; and

14 WHEREAS, communication was fostered with primary stakeholders, including the local
15 hospital, to ensure that proper homicide investigations were being conducted and were
16 universally accepted within the jurisdiction, a process that will be instrumental in the
17 development of the new state model for the protocol of child death investigations; and

18 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit team has served as mentors to less experienced teams
19 from other jurisdictions, lending assistance at trials when needed, and has provided
20 invaluable assets to this state, especially during this time of limited resources; and

21 WHEREAS, the Rome Judicial Circuit's demonstration of outstanding leadership and
22 mentoring skills has earned it the recognition of being named the 2008 Child Fatality

23 Investigation Team of the year, and the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated
24 and hard-working team.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Rome Judicial Circuit for its efficient, effective,
27 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and the commitment of its
28 staff to using a multidisciplinary investigative approach.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rome Judicial Circuit is invited to be recognized by
30 the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the
31 House of Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Rome Judicial Circuit
34 representative.